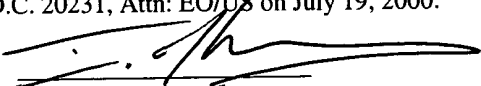


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- ✓ On page 1, line 22, after "period as", please delete "it".
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